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Applicant: Jeffrey W. Blanton Paper No.:  
Serial No.: 10/613,280 Group Art Unit: 3611  
Filed: July 3, 2003 Examiner: Daniel G. DePumpo  
For: Automatic Hitch Assembly

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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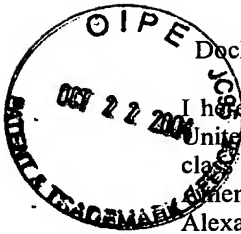
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated June 17, 2004, please amend the present application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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